

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-17 are pending in the present application. By this reply, claims 9 and 18-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 5 and 8-10 are independent.

These modifications do not add new matter to the disclosure.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 and 10-17 have been allowed over the prior art of record.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 9 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to a recording medium storing nonfunctional descriptive material.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9 and 18-20 have been cancelled, thus rendering this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

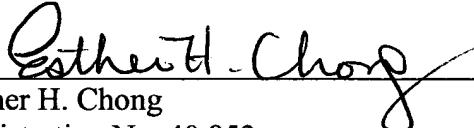
For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and earnestly solicit an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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